GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5818
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2017
Imports of Agricultural Products and Oils
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of imports of potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last two years, month-wise and item wise;
(b) whether the Government has slashed import duty on these products and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether cheaper imports are likely to increase as a result thereof thereby impacting small and marginal features; and
(d) if so, the manner in which Government is planning to address shortage of some of these items and the impact on farming community?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The details of imports of potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last two years, month-wise and item-wise is given at Annexure-I. No import of potatoes was made during the said period.

(b) The import duty on potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last few years is given at Annexure-II.

(c)&(d) The import and export of agricultural products is made keeping in view of the various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, concerns of food security, remunerative prices to the growers, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing/exporting countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices etc. The Government takes into account the above factors before deciding on duty structure or other measures relating to import or export of agricultural commodities.

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Annexure-I
Quantity in MT/Value in USD Million
MONTH CRUDE PALM OIL AND ITS FRACTNS REFINED BLEACHED DEODRSED PALM OIL REFINED BLCHD DEODRSED PALMOLEIN REFIND COLZA OIL OF EDBLE GRDE REFIND RAPESEEDOIL OF EDBLE GRDE REFIND RAPESEED OIL EDBLE GRADE WHEAT
ITCHS 15111000 ITCHS 15119010 ITCHS 15119020 ITCHS 15141910 ITCHS 15141920 ITCHS 15149930 ITCHS 1001
2014-15
MONTH QTY VAL QTY VAL QTY VAL QTY VAL QTY VAL QTY VAL QTY VAL
APR-14 440737 415.99 0.00 65020 60.18 294 0.32 0 0
MAY-14 517670 482.48 0.00 106162 99.67 105 0.12 0 0
JUN-14 470423 417.36 0.00 82425 73.39 21 0.02 337 0.36 15 0.03 0
JUL-14 579767 494.00 99000 0.12 101290 87.78 209 0.23 0 0.00 0
AUG-14 592892 497.96 0.00 172656 142.22 314 0.34 0 0.00 0
SEP-14 586195 464.70 99000 0.11 154561 123.66 312 0.34 0 0.00 5732 2.07
OCT-14 698766 514.83 403000 0.34 133945 101.51 540 0.59 0 0.00 9387 3.30
NOV-14 710730 502.16 7747000 4.88 76395 55.68 332 0.34 0 0.00 1648 0.50
DEC-14 707387 493.31 319640 0.32 70953 53.21 316 0.32 0 0.00 1025 0.31
JAN-15 635403 432.55 98720 0.11 52051 38.46 515 0.52 0 0.00 3074 0.97
FEB-15 479636 322.32 0.00 79042 55.54 147 0.16 40 0.04 4619 1.50
MAR-15 551389 371.34 598330 0.61 86572 58.30 210 0.20 0 4007 1.30
Totalâ€¦ 6970995 5409.01 9364690 6.49 1181072 949.58 21.37 0.02 3631 3.84 55 0.07 29491 9.95
2015-16
APR-15 555251 365.99 59400 0.06 155539 101.90 761 0.73 0 0 4106 1.29
MAY-15 595620 383.62 158630 0.16 281436 183.32 13 0.02 10 0.02 7682 2.25
JUN-15 529098 345.74 78970 0.08 226632 151.68 16707 14.35 0 0.00 97078 27.00
JUL-15 666543 440.11 100120 0.10 161085 110.39 368 0.38 0 0.00 190531 50.53
AUG-15 683513 425.22 298550 0.31 214081 138.11 462 0.44 15 0.02 127203 30.72
SEP-15 588510 328.54 239070 0.25 185976 105.93 273 0.25 0 0.00 3076 0.82
OCT-15 824439 438.53 320680 0.33 202771 117.24 66 0.10 15 0.03 42516 11.15
NOV-15 557970 303.07 140390 0.14 242610 142.55 104 0.09 0 0.00 100 0.03
DEC-15 766659 415.68 242050 0.24 266688 152.04 253 0.23 20 0.02 29425 7.64

JAN-16 515446 275.48 60430 0.05 168703 97.53 372 0.34 4 0.01 4950 1.25
FEB-16 472189 258.47 60462 0.05 232445 139.27 230 0.20 0 0.00 8250 2.07
MAR-16 356821 219.62 60250 0.05 231146 144.91 40 0.04 4 0.01 2750 0.70
Totalâ€¦ 7112059 4200.08 1819002 1.82 2569112 1584.87 0.00 0.00 19647 17.16 69 0.10 517667 135.45

Annexure-ll

Import duty on potatoes, wheat crude palm oil and refined oil during the last few years:

Commodity Applicable Rate of Duty Date from which applicable Date till which applicable
Potatoes
30%
10%
30% Priorto 22.09.2016
23.09.2016
01.11.2016 22.09.2016
31.10.2016
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Wheat Nil
10%
25%
10%
Nil
10% 09.09.2006
07.08.2015
19.10.2015
23.09.2016
08.12.2016
28.03.2017 06.08.2015
18.10.2016
22.09.2016
07.12.2016
27.03.2017
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Crude Palm oils 2.5%
7.5%
12.5%
7.5% 23.01.2013
24.12.2014
17.09.2015
23.09.2016 23.12.2014
16.09.2015
22.09.2016
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Refined Palm oils 10%
15%
20%
15% 20.01.2014
24.12.2014
17.09.2015
23.09.2016 23.12.2014
16.09.2015
22.09.2016
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Refined Sunflower oil 10%
15%
20% 20.01.2014
24.12.2014
17.09.2015 23.12.2014
16.09.2015
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Soyabean oil (refined) 10%
15%
20% 20.01.2014
24.12.2014
17.09.2015 23.12.2014
16.09.2015
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Refined Mustard/rapeseed/colza/canola oils 10%
15%

20% 20.01.2014
24.12.2014
17.09.2015 23.12.2014
16.09.2015
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All other edible oils (Refined) 10%
15%
20% 20.01.2014
24.12.2014
17.09.2015 23.12.2014
16.09.2015
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